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THE MARSUPIUM OF THE ANODONTINÆ.

In the June number of the *BIOLOGICAL BULLETIN* (p. 31), G. Lefevre and W. C. Curtis have published a paper on "the Marsupium of the Unionidæ," in which they say that the lateral (secondary) water tubes cut off from the original (primary) water tubes in the marsupium of the Anodontinæ, described by myself in *Nautilus*, February, 1910, are *not present*. In order to show this, they publish three figures of horizontal sections through the marsupia of three species of Anodontinæ.

To obviate misunderstanding, I want to point out, that, in two of the figures referred to, these secondary water tubes ARE PRESENT, most *beautifully* and *typically* in Fig. 1. In Fig. 3 traces of them are observable, while in Fig. 2 they are *not yet* developed. These tubes are *not* blood vessels, as might be believed after superficial investigation.

For the rest, I cannot go into detail, but must refer to my future publication (illustrated by microphotographs) in the *Memoirs of the Carnegie Museum*, where additional facts will be published.

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